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*The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.*

**Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council** (*continued*)

*Draft resolution on proclamation of international years* (A/C.2/53/L.37)

1. **Mr. Agona** (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, said that, in the second preambular paragraph of the draft resolution, the words "in which, *inter alia*, it stressed that the primary function of the general segment should be an action-oriented review of the activities, reports and recommendations of the Council's subsidiary bodies, and that the Council should regularly review the agenda of its general segment with a view to discontinuing consideration of items not relevant to the work of its subsidiary machinery or duplicative of items on the agenda of the General Assembly," should be deleted. In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "the Council" should be replaced by "the Economic and Social Council".

2. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.37, as orally amended, was adopted.*

*Draft resolution on proclamation of the year 2002 as the International Year of Ecotourism* (A/C.2/53/L.38)

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.38 was adopted.*

4. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee should adopt the following draft decision:

> "The General Assembly takes note of document A/53/406 containing a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award; and also takes note of chapters I to V, VIII (sections A to C and E to H) and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3)."

5. *It was so decided.*

**Agenda Item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions** (*continued*)

**(a) Trade and development** (*continued*)

*Draft resolution on transit environment in the landlocked States of Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours* (A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1)

6. **Mr. Agona** (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, said that The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1 was adopted.*

**(d) External debt crisis and development** (*continued*)

*Draft resolutions on enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries* (A/C.2/53/L.2 and L.47)

8. **Mr. Agona** (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2, and recommended its adoption.

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47 was adopted.*

10. **Mr. Cabactulan** (Philippines), supported by **Ms. Linde** (United States of America), said that the editing of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47 had introduced considerable substantive distortions in a number of paragraphs. Before the draft resolution was submitted to the General Assembly for adoption in plenary meeting, the necessary corrections should be made to reflect the original text.

11. **The Chairman** said that the necessary steps would be taken to ensure that the original version of the agreed text was submitted to the plenary Assembly.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2 was withdrawn.*

**Agenda item 93: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation** (*continued*)

**(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development** (*continued*)

*Draft resolution on commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund* (A/C.2/53/L.45)

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.45 was adopted.*

**Agenda item 94: Environment and sustainable development** (*continued*)

**(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States** (*continued*)

*Draft resolutions on implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States* (A/C.2/53/L.15 and L.46)

14. **Mr. Prendergast** (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on

draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15, and recommended its adoption.

15. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46 was adopted.*

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15 was withdrawn.*

*The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.*